The ISC/DHSS delegation consisted of Prof. FROGGATT, Prof. WALD, Dr. FAIRWEATHER and Mr. WALLER. As the time of the Fourth Report comes nearer, Sir PETER wanted to know the industries position on nitrosamines. HGA took the lead in recalling all the evidence available on the chemistry, the toxicology and the epidemiology, which does not support the views expressed by Dr. HOFFMANN of the American Health Foundation in New York. THE ISC seems to agree that DIETRICH HOFFMANN is the only scientist who takes an extreme position on nitrosamines. The Committee put another question before the industry scientists : What would be our suggestion in order to further reduce tar whilst maintaining the nicotine delivery of cigarettes ? As nobody advanced any suggestion, HGA explained that with the existing ground rules this was not possible. However, making certain authorised additives, e.g. humectants, deductable from the tar figure, would open a way to the development of products with an improved tar/nicotine ratio. This position was supported by Dr. WILLIAMS. The other industry scientists said nothing. Prof. FROGGATT then suggested to have yet another informal meeting on short notice before finalising the Fourth Report. The likely date is mid-June. This further delay offers us the possibility to give PETER FROGGATT some prototype cigarettes with raised humectant and nicotine levels. This is, of course, provided that we can develop the prototypes in such a short time. In order to avoid any misunderstanding : The principle of the concept is that the future higher tar/nicotine ratios would correspond to unchanged tar/nicotine ratios, under the present mode of calculating tar. This means that product acceptability should not be changed. IAM : Meeting with Dr. A. ETOURNAUD (Cantonal Chemistry Laboratory, Vaud), Dr. J. WILD (Burrus), F. LOPES (members of the Sub-Commission on Tobacco Products of the OFSP, chaired by Dr. ROMANN), Mr. RIGAUX (Burrus), F. SENEHI, J. ZUBER, the aim of the Meeting

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being to discuss a counter-project for the testing part of the chapter on tobacco of the "Manuel des Denrées Alimentaires" to be submitted to the Federal Commission, in order to introduce paragraphs concerning the testing of channel-ventilated cigarettes using the DIN approach. Mr. DEMOULIN (Fedetab, Belgium) called to ask for additional arguments to the "industry comments" on EEC's anti-cancer programme and which Mr. CATELAIN (President of Fedetab) and member of the "Comité Consultatif Tabac" of the EEC could use at the next Meeting of this Committee. IAM will contact Corporate Affairs PM EEC on this matter.

Tuesday 24th : HGA : Meeting in Lausanne wih Ms. POTTORFF in an effort to coordinate the Company's efforts in the ETS / Air Quality Monitoring area. The objective of the meeting was to provide Ms. POTTORFF with the outlines of action, plus a list of required resources. HGA and MJA : Participation in a Meeting in preparation for the court action in Zürich on the Swiss Barclay patent. IAM : Together with F. LOPES, arrangements and a programme were prepared for Ms. MAARAFI's (Kuwait Official Testing Laboratory) visit to CERIA Brussels, scheduled for the first week in March. Contact on this matter with Mr. GOTECHA, PM Bahrain, B. ROBINSON and Prof. J. LENGES, CERIA Brussels. Contact with H. FAUVILLE PMB concerning FEDETAB's position at the next Meeting of the IBN (Belgian Standardisation Institute). HER : Visit to DEGESCH GmbH, Frankfurt, to discuss shortcomings in tobacco fumigation. In the future, PM should act as a supervisor of "fumigation quality" and refuse (based on a mututally agreed document "Sensible Tobacco Fumigation Items") buying contaminated tobacco. However, the fumigation procedure, and responsibility for safety, must remain with the local applicators. Cooperation in the fields of experimentation, training and contact with local authorities was agreed upon

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with DEGESCH. Together it should be possible to overcome obstacles brought forward by some governments in the registration of those fumigation products which are endorsed by PM.

Wednesday 25th : HGA explained to Ms. POTTORFF and Mr. ROBINSON the S&T position on "Whitecoats" or "Witnesses" in the ETS area. (1)-The "Witnesses" are spokesmen for use in the public arena without necessarily a commitment to experimental work. (2)-The selection and screening process as well as the briefings proper are predominantly determined by very important and very specific legal considerations. (3)-The legal views, in my understanding, differ somewhat between the USA and Europe. In particular our US and British lawyers have problems in reconciling the differing requirements. (4)-The legal and historic traditions are country-specific. - Conclusion : The foregoing leads to the conclusion that the establishment and maintenance of a stable of "witnesses" ought to be done by lawyers and not by S&T scientists. S&T would, of course, give assistance. IAM : Telephone conversation with Mr. G. DISERENS regarding the letter sent by the ASFC to the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health concerning the "Manuel des Denrées Alimentaires" especially on the two paragraphs which have been included, upon demand by BAT. These two paragraphs if included in the final version of the "Manuel" would cause damage to all ventilated cigarettes.

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Thursday 26th : HGA : Meeting in Telfs, Austria, organised by Mr. BREIDBACH, with Mr. WILLE and several top personalities of the West German political scene. The meeting's objective was to present, in detail, these persons

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with a whole range of Industry arguments and to obtain their reactions to each individual set of arguments. This is in an effort to shape an effective PR / lobbying concept for Germany. The first part of the Meeting was entirely devoted to presentations by Mr. BREIDBACH and HGA. IAM : Final arrangements were made for Ms. MAARAFI's visit to the Belgian Official Laboratory in Brussels (CERIA). Telephone contact with Mr. P. SCHILTZ (SEITA, Paris), concerning the last Meeting of the "Groupe Epidemiologie - Tabac et Santé", under the Chairmanship of Ms. C. HILL, the Report will be discussed at a Meeting which is to take place on 2nd April, 1987.

Friday 27th : HGA : The second part of the Telfs' Meeting dealt with a detailed discussion of the arguments. The results are very interesting as, to a certain extent, they are unexpected. It will take a few days to analyse them properly and formulate our conclusions. IAM : Meeting with Messrs. M. HÄUSERMANN, F. LOPES, H. REIF and A. BADSTUBER in preparation for the CORESTA Meeting, to be held in Paris on 5th March, on the problem of channel ventilated cigarettes. Meeting in Lausanne, PME Corporate Affairs, with Mr. I. SARGEANT regarding Mr. DEMOULIN's request for additional comments concerning EEC's Cancer Initiative to be used by Mr. CATELAIN at the Meeting of the "Comité Consultatif Tabac".

H.W. Gaisch
(signed in his absence)

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